

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A portable barbecue unit comprising:
a base configured to form a heating compartment;
a cover pivotally connected to the base and pivotable relative to the base between a closed position and an open position, wherein at the open position the cover is oriented at approximately a 90 degree angle to the base;
a stop mechanism that is configured to stop the cover at the approximate 90 degree orientation relative to the base when the cover is at the open position;
a plurality of spits rotatably mountable on the cover when the cover is at the open position; and
a drive mechanism disposed within the cover, said drive mechanism including a plurality of gears drivingly engageable with the spits and an engine in driving engagement with the gears.

2. (Currently amended) A portable barbecue unit, comprising:
a base configured to form a heating compartment;
a cover pivotally connected to the base and pivotable relative to the base between a closed position and an open position;
a one-piece heating compartment shield configured to be supported by the base and shielding two sides and a front of the heating compartment;
and
at least two rows of spits rotatably supported on the base and cover when the cover is at the open position, each row comprising a plurality of spits.

3. (New) The portable barbecue unit of claim 1, wherein the engine is an electric engine.

4. (New) The portable barbecue unit of claim 1, wherein the base and cover are formed of aluminum.
5. (New) The portable barbecue unit of claim 1, comprising two said stop mechanisms.
6. (New) The portable barbecue unit of claim 1, comprising at least four supports fixed to the base for supporting the barbecue unit on a support surface.
7. (New) The portable barbecue unit of claim 1, wherein the stop mechanism comprises a first element connected to the cover and a second element connected to the base, and the first element engages with the second element when the cover is at the open position.
8. (New) The portable barbecue unit of claim 1, further comprising a one-piece heating compartment shield configured to be supported by the base and shielding two sides and a front of the heating compartment.
9. (New) The portable barbecue unit of claim 2, wherein the base and cover are formed of aluminum.
10. (New) The portable barbecue unit of claim 2, comprising at least four supports fixed to the base for supporting the barbecue unit on a support surface.